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SUBJECT: REPORTED SALES OF US NAVY SHIPS TO GREECE

1. TURKISH RADIO AND TELEVISION (TRT) PICKED UP A REPORT THAT SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE HAD APPROVED SALE OF U.S. SHIPS TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES, INCLUDING SALE OF SEVEN DESTROYERS AND TWO LST'S TO GREECE. TRT BROADCAST REPORT OF SALE ON AUGUST 11. IT HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN MUCH PLAY BY LOCAL PRESS, HOWEVER, POSSIBLY BECAUSE OF TERRORIST ATTACK AT ISTANBUL AIRPORT HAS CAPTURED FRONT PAGES.

2. IN DISCUSSION WITH SENIOR JUSMMAT OFFICER ON AUGUST 11, TURKISH NAVY ADMIRAL SAID ANNOUNCEMENT OF SHIP SALE COULD NOT HAVE COME AT WORSE TIME, PARTICULARLY FOR THE TURKISH PRESS AND PUBLIC. THE SITUATION IN THE AEGEAN IS JUST TOO TENSE AND IS BECOMING TENSER. TURKISH ADMIRAL EXPECTS TURKISH PRESS STRONGLY TO COMPLAIN ABOUT SALE.

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3. AS PART OF DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT (DCA), WE AGREED TO PROVIDE TURKEY WITH THREE DESTROYERS, TWO SUBMARINES AND A SUBMARINE RESCUE SHIP. IN ADDITION, WE AGREED TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF SELLING TURKEY A MODERN NAVAL VESSEL FROM U.S. INVENTORY. TURKISH PUBLIC IS AWARE IN GENERAL TERMS OF WHAT WAS AGREED TO IN DCA NEGOTIATIONS. IN ANTICIPATION OF POSSIBLE QUERIES ON WHAT WE ARE DOING FOR TURKISH NAVY, WE WOULD APPRECIATE WASHINGTON UPDATE ON WHERE WE STAND IN LOCATING SHIPS FOR TURKISH NAVY AND PROBABLE TIMING FOR DELIVERY ONCE DCA IS APPROVED.

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